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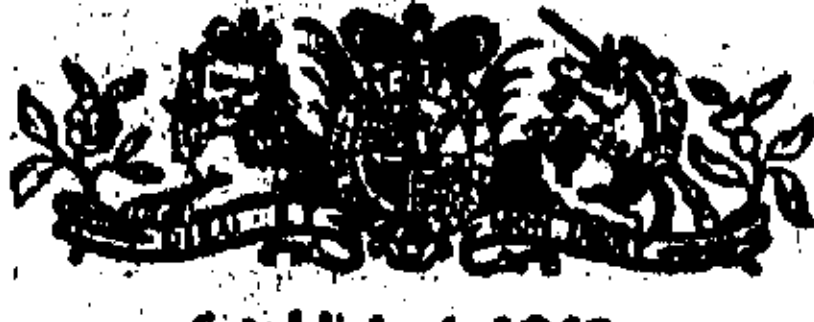
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## British Permit Egyptians To Move Oil And Petrol

### LATEST SITUATION IN SUEZ CANAL ZONE

Cairo, Oct. 24.

The British military authorities today lifted for 24 hours their ban on the movement of oil and petrol by Egyptians through the Suez Canal Zone.

The first long column of petrol lorries started moving along the Suez Canal road after the order had been received by British military guards.

But all other road and railway traffic is still held up by British troops at road-blocks on the Suez-Cairo and Ismailia-Cairo roads and on railway lines out of the Canal Zone.

No reason was given for lifting the petrol ban but a British military spokesman said that it would be subject now to daily review. It was imposed yesterday because the Egyptian railways failed to meet the British Army requirements in the Canal Zone.

The direct Suez to Cairo pipeline was not affected by the ban but oil from the Suez is used throughout Egypt.

#### CONVOY FIRED AT

Six shots were fired at a British convoy today somewhere between Ismailia and Kassassin, about 20 miles to the north, the spokesman said.

Further details had not yet reached Headquarters, the spokesman added.

A British Navy communiqué said that the Egyptian Government was refusing clearance to British ships working for the British forces in the Canal Zone.

The Navy is now issuing these ships with certificates stating that clearance has been illegally withheld and that they are entitled to call in accordance with their orders.

No British ships had been delayed, the communiqué said.

At Suez, Egyptians who install and operate the Canal and transmitting lights in the bows of merchant ships have refused

to fix or work these lights in British ships.

"This appears to have been caused by a trumped up incident and intimidation campaign," the communiqué said. "Arrangements have been made to provide British ships with the necessary lights."

#### DISPENSATION

The Suez Canal Company announced tonight that all ships may now use the great waterway at their own risk without taking on the usual company pilots.

A company spokesman said that ships might pass through the Canal as usual but the company declined all responsibility for vessels which did so without a company pilot.

An Egyptian Customs official at Port Said has asked the company to deny pilots to ships which have not been cleared by the Egyptians—meaning ships working for the Canal Zone British, he said.

The company's local agent told the official that the company was neither qualified nor had the means to meet such a request.

The Canal Company had received no notification from the Egyptian Government aiming at either restricting the free use of the Canal or of discriminating between its users, the spokesman said.

Canal traffic had been unaffected by recent events and day and night convoys were proceeding normally.—Reuter.

## Tomorrow's Election Coverage

Two editions of the China Mail will be published tomorrow, bringing to readers as many of the latest General Election results as are available.

It is hoped to be able to give in the second edition the state of the parties as at 4.30 a.m. GMT (1.30 p.m. HK Summer Time). If this is possible, readers will then know the results of about 40 percent of the total number of contests.

The first edition tomorrow will be on sale shortly after 11.30 a.m., and the second shortly after 3 p.m.

## BAD LIQUOR KILLS 27

Atlanta, Oct. 24.

Police searched the city for the distributor who sold a quantity of lethal liquor made of fuel and water that claimed the lives of at least 27 imbibers.

Police said they believed that the list will go possibly as high as 35 before the final count is taken.

The official casualty figure however was scaled down when duplications between hospital and police records were disclosed. All but two of the dead were negroes.

Sound trucks blaring recordings of the song "Bad Whisky" loomed the negro sections of the city, warning the populace against further consumption.

As of noon, Grady Hospital reported it was treating 207 persons. Scores of others who had mixed a drink of anything alcoholic recently that had not come from a liquor store added to the hospital confusion by showing up for examinations.—United Press.

## Anglo-Iranian Oil Talks May Resume

### 'ENCOURAGING SIGNS' REPORTED

Washington, Oct. 24.

Iranian officials today reported "encouraging" signs that negotiations with Britain over oil may be resumed.

The Iranians reported new "hopeful" indications as the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, conferred with Iran's visiting Premier, Dr. Mohammad Mossadegh.

The Iranian sources said that the surprise order by Dr. Mossadegh for Kazem Hassibi, Iranian Government oil expert, to fly here from Teheran, makes the situation "look hopeful and encouraging."

They said that Hassibi's orders were to "be here as soon as possible."

State Department officials pointed out that Hassibi is the key Government member of the 13-man Iranian Oil Commission created some time ago to take over the British oil fields and the Abadan refinery.

Dr. Mossadegh's move suggested that he had received new proposals to break the deadlock during Tuesday's Blair House meeting with President Truman, Mr. Acheson and other United States Government officials.

Mr. Acheson conferred shortly after 4 p.m. GMT with frail, 72-year-old Mossadegh at Walter Reed Hospital where he was resting in the presidential suite.

#### NOT FULLY INFORMED

Mr. Acheson was accompanied by the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. George C. McGhee, Department Policy Planning Chief Paul Nitze, and Colonel Vernon Walters, an interpreter. There is immediate speculation that British officials might be brought into the talks if the present conferences bring out any hope of resuming the negotiations which were broken off last month at Teheran.

British officials indicated, however, that they have not yet been fully informed of the results of the talks so far.

The officials expressed the hope that the United States would find some "reasonable" attitude on Dr. Mossadegh's part which would make it possible to reopen the negotiations.

Mr. Acheson arrived at Mossadegh's suite at 4.05 p.m. GMT. The two men and their advisers were photographed and the important conference then began.—United Press.

#### ELECTION FACTOR

Washington, Oct. 24.

Persia's leading oil expert, Kazem Hassibi, is coming to Washington from Teheran "as soon as possible."

This announcement, made here today, caused some slight increase in optimism about the chances of new Anglo-Persian oil talks and strengthened the likelihood that the Persian Prime Minister, Dr. Mossadegh, will extend his stay in the United States until next week.

It has become apparent in talks here that Dr. Mossadegh is unlikely to agree to a formula for the resumption of Anglo-Persian negotiations until he knows what sort of British Government, he will have to deal with after the general elections.

So far there has been no indication that Dr. Mossadegh is willing to discuss with the British any other subjects than the payment of compensation for the nationalized oil installations and the sale of oil.

Authoritative sources here denied reports that an agreement had yet been reached between the Persians and the Americans about resuming negotiations.

It was also denied that the United States had submitted a new plan for the production and distribution of Persian oil. "A preliminary" source said that there was no connection between the proposed American Export-Import Bank's credit of \$25,000,000 for the development of Persia's roads and current discussions over the oil industry. They pointed out that the credit, already been approved in principle, provided only for the purchase of specified agricultural and road machinery in America and the payment of American engineers to assist in Persia.—Reuter.

## Going Ahead Without Egypt

MIDDLE EAST DEFENCE SYSTEM

Paris, Oct. 24.

France, Britain, the United States and Turkey will inform Israel and all Arab states except Egypt that they intend to go ahead with a Middle East defence system in spite of Egypt's refusal to take part, a French Foreign Office spokesman said here today.

French, British, American and Turkish representatives in the Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Transjordan, Saudi Arabia, the Yemen and Israel will inform the governments of these countries "within the next 48 hours" of their intention to proceed with a defence system designed to protect Middle East countries, the spokesman said.

Later, when the defence system had been set up these states will be asked to give their opinions on it and some may perhaps be asked to join.

There was no intention of asking any of these states to join at the moment in place of Egypt, said the spokesman.

The setting up of a Middle East command might not be expected to start for a few weeks yet, the French spokesman added.—Reuter.

#### TOO COSTLY

Paris, Oct. 24.

Mahmoud Hammadi, first secretary of the Egyptian Embassy here, said today that Egypt refused to join the proposed Middle East Defence Command "because it would cost us more than the present British military occupation."

Mr. Hammadi predicted to newsmen that all other members of the Arab League would follow Egypt's example should they be invited to join such a command.

"I believe they would do so not only as a gesture of solidarity but also because the Moslem states are in no position to face the burden of such defensive measures," he said.

He added that Egypt's chief concern was to obtain full sovereignty "through peaceful means and in accordance with the principles of the United Nations Charter"—United Press.

#### PREMIER RESIGNS

London, Oct. 24.

Cyprus Radio reported tonight that the Prime Minister of Syria had presented his resignation in a Cabinet crisis over the Allied Middle Eastern defence plans.

The broadcast said a furious scene when the Foreign Minister turned down the prime minister's resignation. The Foreign Minister, Mr. Adnan Matar, said that the resignation had been presented at the moment of the crisis.—Reuter.

## Britain Today Will Choose Between These Two Men And Their Parties



## Fair Weather Promised Voters For Today's General Election

London, Oct. 25.

Britain will vote today to decide whether she will have a third postwar Labour Government or bring 76-year-old Winston Churchill back to power.

The crises with Persia and Egypt have impinged on the election but the dominating topic has been the cost of living.

Prime Minister Attlee claims that costs have risen mainly through world causes, but that his Government has kept them lower in Britain than in other countries and raised the living standards of the majority of the people.

Churchill's Conservative Party supports the £4,700 million programme but criticises Labour generally for mismanagement and extravagance and condemns its nationalisation policy.

The rival leaders last night were both suffering from colds.

Mr. Churchill caught his speaking on Tuesday.

Mrs. Attlee told Reuter that her husband had a "head cold," but that it was not embarrassing him unduly.

Results in the 319 constituencies will be declared on the night of the polling up to about 4 a.m. GMT.

In 207 constituencies counting will take place in the daytime of Friday.

Yesterday the weather was cold and clear with a cheerful autumnal sun filtering through the London smog. The weather prophets have given some good cheer, promising good weather for today and "fair" weather means heavy polling.

But despite party forecasts the atmosphere in the country today does not seem to be propitious for any phenomenal "landslide" in the poll.

Political observers claim that Labour came to power with a thumping majority in 1945 in the first flush of victory in the hope of settling down to a period of peace and in the expectation of the millennium which Socialist Labour promised the underdogs.

But the pull of war did not lift so easily and the end of the world war almost imperceptibly glided into rearmament for a new war. Taxes remained, controls remained, shortages remained. The workers did benefit a good deal from the National Health and National Insurance measures of the Labour Government, but the middle classes, comprising the "White Collar" workers and the professionals, found it difficult to adjust themselves to the new "workers' paradise" and found themselves squeezed and came out worst between the very rich and the very poor.

While the workers remained solidly behind the Labour

Government in 1950 this middle-class vote swung back to Conservatism as in their opinion a Tory Government would mean less taxes, more goods in the shops under private enterprise and, generally, a more "bourgeois" outlook where the more educated professional classes would come into their own.

This trend was evident in the clear-cut two-party position that emerged in 1950 with the Liberals almost completely out of the picture and the extreme Communists completely eliminated.

But political psychologists today see no probability of any such swing. What remained with Labour in 1950 can be taken to be the hard core of the social welfare movement which will still be loyal. The bulk of this support is from the trade unions which comprise almost half the 34,000,000 voters.

Assuming that the Conservative supporters remain equally loyal on their side in today's polling it is difficult to see any marked swing in the party positions as a result of today's votes.—Reuter.

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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Motorists And The Law

THE most important part of the business transacted at yesterday's meeting of Legislative Council was of special significance to Hongkong motorists. A Bill was introduced to provide for compulsory third party insurance, and a resolution passed permitting guilty pleas to be made by letter to a magistrate for what are regarded as minor traffic offences. The China Mail has long advocated the desirability of compulsory third party insurance, believing it to be cautionary as well as protective in effect. Penalties laid down for accidents caused by bad or reckless driving involving injury to third parties should be a sufficient deterrent to road hogs who imagine that they can escape liability for compensation; at the same time the indemnity rights of innocent victims of road accidents are fully safeguarded. In principle and practice, compulsory third party insurance elsewhere has proved its worth, and we see no good reason why it should not operate effectively in Hongkong. The acting Attorney-General dwelt at some length on the Colony's traffic problems and his review was commendable, notably because it put the whole question of handling vehicular and pedestrian traffic into new perspective. We believe the thinking public are highly conscious and appreciative of the manner in which the Traffic Department has rationalised, and to a considerable degree, resolved the problem of controlling and directing all types of traffic within the Colony's congested areas. There will be general agreement that the marked reduction in accident figures testifies to the efficacy of the control system which has been developed since the war. It can also fairly be observed that motorists generally, and an increasing number of pedestrians, appreciate and do their best to conform to the rules of the road. It must be confessed, however, that the incidence of traffic offences continues to be inordinately high, and the Traffic Department has a right to expect more co-operation on the part of the public in reducing the figures. Government has, very properly, taken cognisance of

criticism directed against the abnormally long intervals which now occur between the serving of summonses and court prosecutions, especially for motoring offences which can rightly be considered technical or trivial. The establishment of a magistrate's court to deal almost exclusively with such offences should help to correct the situation, and where an offender to a minor infringement of the regulations is prepared to plead guilty, it is reasonable enough that he should be permitted to do so by letter to the magistrate. Somewhat too vague is the suggestion that he should enclose "enough money to pay the probable fine." Does this mean the defendant is to make his own estimate of penalty which his offence merits? It is suggested that handling of minor traffic offences would be even more facilitated if standard fines were announced for specified infringements such as parking in an unauthorised area, obstruction, and failure to display prominently car licences. A motorist summoned for any of these, and satisfied that he was guilty, would then be in a position to enclose the proper fine in his letter to the magistrate. We have, in the past, advocated that the Traffic Department should make use of the sticker system. This enables a car owner, who has returned to his vehicle after an absence to know immediately that he has committed an offence, and the sticker serves as a summons. The procedure would be especially effective in cases of illegal parking or obstruction. Where a motorist was in attendance of his car at the time of the offence he could be served with a docket written out on the spot by the police officer. This too would obviate the necessity of issuing a summons from the Traffic Department. We applaud Government's latest endeavours to speed up handling of non-indictable traffic regulations infringements, but there appears still to be room for simplifying the system whereby summonses are issued for what are quite definitely minor offences.



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## VATICAN EMBASSY PROTEST

Chicago, Oct. 24. The National Association of Evangelicals said that Protestants will gather on church steps across the nation on Sunday to direct a mass protest against the proposed Embassy at the Vatican.

Sunday is Reformation Sunday, marking Martin Luther's break with the Roman Catholic Church in 1517.

The Association said that by united action, Protestants aim to forestall Senatorial approval of President Truman's projected appointment of General Mark Clark as U.S. Ambassador to Vatican City.

At the Protestant churches, signatures will be collected for petitions which will be forwarded to Senator Tom Connally, Texas Democrat, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Telegrams also will be sent to Mr. Truman and members of the Senate.

The Association describes itself as having a membership of 15,000,000 persons and a service constituency of 10,000,000 persons not represented by the National Council of Churches.—Associated Press.

### VATICAN REACTION

Vatican City, Oct. 24. Church sources indicated tonight that the United States had jeopardized its good reputation with the Holy See by the manner in which the nomination of America's first Ambassador to the Vatican had been handled.

Communist newspapers have been having a field day at the expense of the Vatican and the United States concerning what they term the nomination of a "fighting general in uniform" to a "new espionage centre".

Church quarters expressed embarrassment at the way General Mark Clark's name was tossed in just before the adjournment of Congress, then withdrawn by the President. This added to the fact that General Clark would remain on active Army status, undermined the Vatican's own intensive campaign in welcoming diplomatic relations between the United States and the Holy See, according to sources.—United Press.

## Countess Dies

London, Oct. 24. Two members of Britain's nobility, one of them American-born, died on Wednesday.

The Countess of Sandwich, daughter of the late William Sturgis of New York, died at her home in Hinchbrook, the 87-year-old Marchioness of Bristol died at his home in Bury St. Edmunds.

The Countess married the Earl, now 78, in 1903. During World War II they entertained 50 Americans at tea each week-end.

During the 18th Century, the fourth Earl of Sandwich, an enthusiastic gambler, invented the snack which bears his name. It was a beef sandwich which enabled him to eat without leaving the gaming tables.—Associated Press.

## American Infantry Using 75-mm Recoilless Rifle



It's fingers to ears when the 75-mm recoilless rifle goes into action on the Korean front. The troops are United States infantrymen and the picture was taken on the eastern sector.—London Express.

## The Female Of The Species...

Neustadt, Oct. 24. Two elderly sisters here quarrelled about their shares in a will and decided to settle it with a duel with brooms.

The younger one, aged 69, won after a heavy blow which broke her sister's arm.—Reuter.

## PURGE OF BULGARIAN FARMERS

Vienna, Oct. 24.

The Communist journal indicated today that the Bulgarian Communist Government is cracking down severely on that nation's farmers.

This week's issue of the journal says the Bulgarian Communist Party has adopted decisions to "eliminate serious shortcomings" in Bulgaria's agricultural production.

The journal's article listed these weak spots in Bulgaria's farming:

"Shortcomings in organisation and enumeration of labour; insufficient promotion of youth and women to leading spots; lack of proper co-operatives in performing agricultural work; serious violations of rules; work of party organisations falls short of tasks; patronage of co-operatives by the working people of the towns is poorly developed."

The new measures call for severe punishment of all violators and "resolute elimination of ineffective leaders, who are to be replaced by people who are capable, in true Bolshevik style, of reorganising co-operative economy," the journal said.—Associated Press.

## End Of War Proclaimed

Washington, Oct. 24. President Truman today formally proclaimed the end of the state of war between the United States and Germany.

The President's action followed a joint Congressional resolution ending the war.

The proclamation said that the war, which was declared in December, 1941, was terminated on October 10, 1951, the date the resolution was passed.

President Truman said that United States policy was aimed at making a peace treaty with a "united and free" Germany.

"But efforts to this end have been frustrated and made impossible for the time being by the policy of the Soviet Government," he said.—Reuter.

## Morrison Letter To Acheson On The Middle East

Washington, Oct. 24.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, has urged the prompt appointment of a Commander-in-Chief for the proposed Middle East Command.

He has suggested that the command should be based on Cyprus.

Well-informed sources here said that the proposals were contained in an exchange of letters between Mr Morrison and the United States Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, last week.

In his secret letter addressed personally to Mr Acheson, Mr Morrison said that the British Government was determined to maintain its position in the Suez Canal at all costs.

He warned that if the Egyptian Government were to attempt to blockade British forces there, plans would be put into operation for a counter-blockade to guarantee their safety and to protect the people of the Sudan.

The Egyptian decision to abrogate the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian treaty would not deflect the British Government and would not deflect other governments concerned from proceeding with the plans for a Middle Eastern command.

He acknowledged that the Egyptian attitude would naturally prevent the headquarters of the new command being housed in Egypt according to the original Western Allied plan.

As an alternative, Mr Morrison suggested Cyprus.

### NO DELAY

He urged the prompt appointment of a Commander-in-Chief for the Middle East and said that there should be no delay because of recent Egyptian actions.

Mr Morrison did not ask for any military aid from the United States to meet the situation but merely its moral support.

It was after receipt of this letter that Mr Acheson last week issued his statements strongly condemning Egypt's rejection of the Middle East Command proposals and her abrogation of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty of 1936 and the Sudan condominium agreement of 1899.

In a personal reply to Mr Morrison, Mr Acheson was understood to have assured him of United States moral support and also to have stressed the importance of taking Arab opinion into consideration and of carefully examining any steps other than those "probably necessary."

It is understood that Mr Morrison sent a similar letter to the French Foreign Minister, Mr Robert Schuman, who replied endorsing his views.—Reuter.

## Threatened Rift In Sterling Area Worrying UK

### Government Urged To Take Speedy Action

London, Oct. 24.

Anxiety was mounting here today over the threat of a rift in the Sterling Area and fear that some prominent members may walk out.

Unofficial Australian moves for separation from the joint dollar pool of the area were held in authoritative quarters as the first indication that the Sterling set-up was in a grave peril.

The growing British deficit and the ensuing weakness of Sterling were blamed for the uneasy situation, and experts urged the Government to take the speediest possible measures to stem the threatening tide while there was still time.

The anxiety was caused specifically by a suggestion from Australia's leading economist, Sir Douglas Copland, whose advice the Government is known to have frequently followed on previous occasions, that the Dominion should free itself from the fetters of the Sterling Area's dollar pool.

There is so far has been no formal or official approach to that effect.

But it was noted in informed quarters here that the suggestion followed closely the disclosure by the British Treasury of a steep rise in the Sterling balances. Moves for greater independence were said to have been intimated also from Ceylon.

The whole issue probably will come under close consideration when top level experts from the Commonwealth countries meet here in November to discuss the area's payments problems.

Finance Ministers of the Commonwealth countries will meet in January to take appropriate decisions.

**NEED FOR LOANS**

The proposal from Sir Douglas was interpreted to imply that Australia should no longer pay in her dollar surplus to the common pool of the Sterling Area countries and consequently not rely any longer on the dollar releases from it.

Australia, among other Commonwealth countries, has lately run up a considerable surplus with the Sterling Area because of large-scale wool sales.

The proposed plan is motivated according to the latest reports, by Australia's growing need for American loans to finance her immigration schemes and by the assumption that American investment capital might flow into the country more readily under such arrangements.

Acceptance of the Australian plan, experts say, would mean that Australia would in the future extend less credit to Britain than previously.

**EXPENDITURE UP**

Australia reminded that a few years ago she had a deficit with the Sterling Area and was its debtor.

The Treasury disclosed earlier this month that the Sterling balances of the United Kingdom have risen in the first half of the current year by £425,000,000 to a record total of £4,188,000,000.

Of this more than £3,000,000,000 was owned by Commonwealth countries.

In addition to Britain's dollar spending overseas, the Sterling Area dollar spending has lately also increased considerably.

By the middle of this year, the dollar expenditure of the overseas Sterling Area, exclusive of Britain, was running about 60 per cent above last year's.—United Press.

### COLLINS IN P.I.

Manila, Oct. 24.

General J. Lawton Collins, United States Army Chief of Staff, arrived today on his way to Formosa, Okinawa, Tokyo and Korea.

He will inspect Philippine Army training centres on Thursday and leave by air for Formosa on Friday.—Associated Press.

## Worst Bush Fire In 40 Years

Darwin, Oct. 24.

Fire-fighters combatting the biggest bush fire in Australia's history face a fearful task, said Mr A. S. Bingle, senior executive of the great meat firm of Vesteys, who returned from the fire area.

"They are working in a temperature of 100 degrees and their faces and arms are blistered with the heat. They are dropping down in the burnt grass to sleep," Mr Bingle said.

Mr Bingle said that in 40 years' experience of the northern territory he had never seen a fire to compare with the present one in intensity.

"People have no conception of the tremendous destruction being wrought," he added.

The fire has already burned out 1,250,000 acres of the Northern Territory and is raging along a 200-mile front in the Victoria River district.

Stock losses are unknown but are believed to be enormous. In New South Wales, bushfires in the past week caused at least £21,000,000 damage.—United Press.

## ELIZABETH TO VISIT KENYA

London, Oct. 24.

Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Kenya in Africa on their way to Australia early next year, Buckingham Palace announced tonight.

The announcement said the Royal couple would fly directly from London to Nairobi and after a visit of a few days would board the ship at Mombasa for Ceylon, which they will visit en route.

Courier circles said the Princess and the Duke would not stop at Gibraltar, Malta and Aden as King George had planned to do before his trip had to be cancelled.—United Press.

## Sequel To War Tragedy

Berlin, Oct. 24.

A Communist East Berlin Court today freed a man who said he killed his two small children out of fear of the approaching Russian troops.

The man intended to strangle his wife and hang himself but lost his nerve, he added.

In acquitting the defendant, the court ruled that the man was "unaccountable for his actions in those terrible times."—Associated Press.

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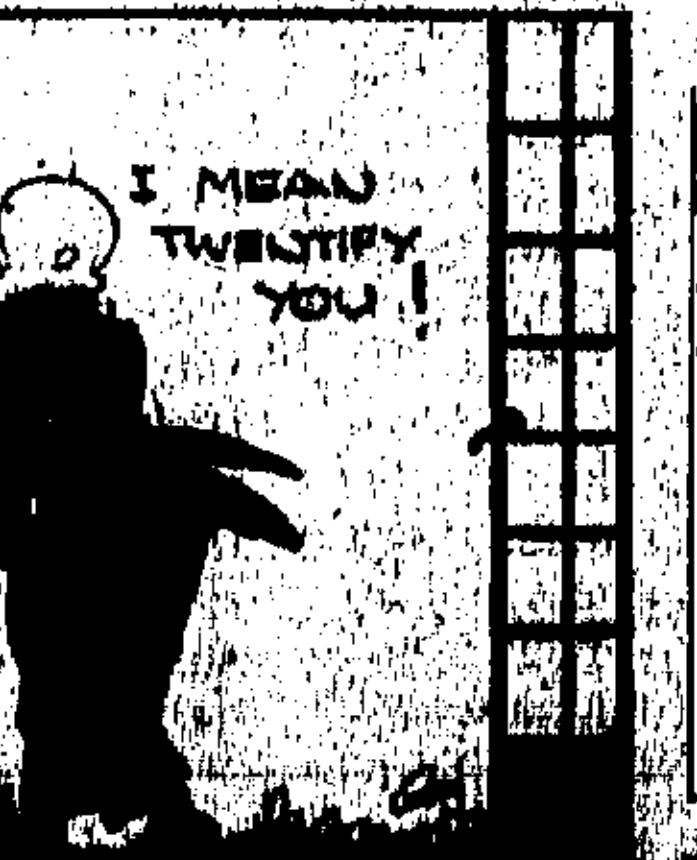
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## Inquiry Into Charges Of Slave Labour

Geneva, Oct. 24.

A United Nations committee has opened the world's first global inquiry into forced labour. The United States charged that Russia and her satellites were studded with slave-worker camps.

At the meeting, held here today, the Joint United Nations and International Labour Organisation Committee on Forced Labour approved a questionnaire to be sent to every government, whether a member of the United Nations or I.L.O. or not.

The questionnaire asks questions about labour service "corrective" for political opinions and about involuntary labour generally.

Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, Indian Chairman of the three-member committee, admitted tacitly that many governments may refuse to reply to such questions.

He called on individual and non-government organisations to submit complaints about forced labour to his group and emphasised that groups outside the United Nations may submit such reports.—United Press.

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## Sixth Anniversary Of United Nations

London, Oct. 24.

Pageants, speeches, new postage stamp issues and messages from all over the world marked the sixth anniversary of the United Nations today.

The messages ranged from declarations of loyalty to black-bordered newspaper editorials in "mourning" and distrust.

The United Nations Post Office started its first deliveries of United Nations stamps. Bulk orders amounted in some cases to as much as \$75,000, and more than 300,000 first day orders were received from stamp collectors throughout the world.

In Syria black-bordered newspaper editorials denounced the United Nations. The papers expressed mistrust of the Organisation. Events in Palestine had convinced the Arab world that the United Nations adhered to its Charter whenever a big Power's interests arose but trampled it when small nations were involved, the papers said.

West Berlin celebrated by distributing winter clothing and shoes to 1,000 needy children.

In Moscow, Izvestia, the Soviet Government newspaper, said that the Soviet Union had repeatedly demonstrated its readiness to settle international problems. But the Anglo-American group in the United Nations had been systematically rejecting Soviet peace proposals.

Pageants, special talks to children in schools and broadcasts of international messages marked the United Nations Day celebrations throughout Australia.—Reuter.

TRUMAN SPEECH

Washington, Oct. 24. President Truman said here today that so long as the forces of aggression were attacking the United Nations there must be no weakening.

Speaking at a cornerstone laying ceremony, President Truman said that human progress always cost effort and suffering and sacrifice.

"It cost us much to set up a government of justice and freedom in this country and to maintain it. It has cost human lives and painful effort for those in other countries to win their

independence and to advance along the road of freedom.

"But these advances have been worth all the sacrifices and I believe with all my heart that the great advances which we are making today in setting up a system of international peace and justice will prove to be worth all the sacrifice and effort which they are costing us and other nations.

"I hope the time will not be far distant when the leaders of the Soviet Union and the satellites will come to see it is utterly foolish to oppose the united will of all the other peoples of the world for peace and justice.

"But so long as the forces of aggression are attacking the United Nations there must be no weakening of our effort to check aggression and to build up the defence of the free world.

"It is up to us here at home to back up those men of many nations who are fighting for us and for the freedom of the world in Korea."—United Press.

NOTABLE ABSENTEE

Djakarta, Oct. 24. Ambassador Wang Yen-shu of the Chinese People's Republic was conspicuously absent today at the United Nations Day ceremony held here.

The Foreign Minister, Achmad Subardjo, received the Diplomatic Corps who had been invited to attend the ceremony of hoisting the United Nations flag.

All the foreign diplomats, except Mr Wang, were present, including the representative of Italy which is also not a member of the United Nations.

Achmad Subardjo said that Indonesia had full faith in the United Nations and pledged its word to do everything possible for peace and progress and friendship and understanding in the world.—United Press.

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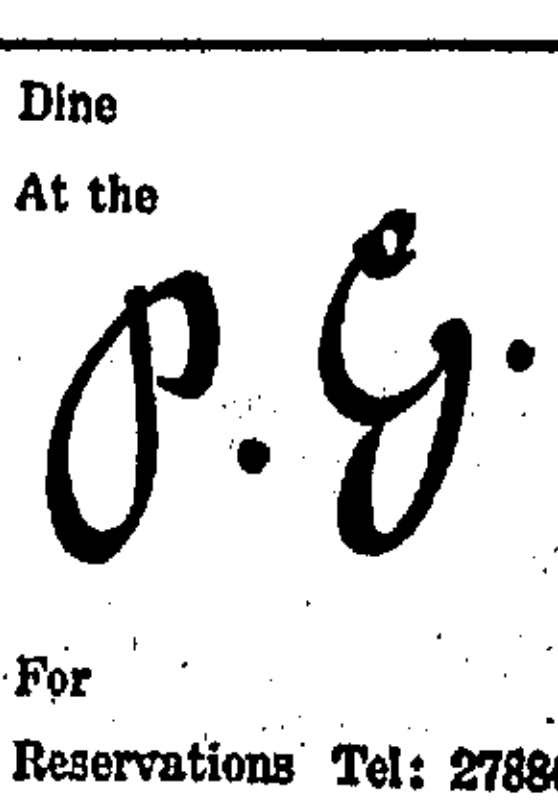
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## New Berlin Incident

Berlin, Oct. 24.

Armed Soviet soldiers and East German People's police today entered the West Berlin enclave of Steinstuecken but withdrew after two hours.

West Berlin Police headquarters said that they surrounded a house in which three West Berlin police guards had been stationed.

Eyo-witnesses said later that the Russians and East Germans arrested a West Berlin news photographer and took him with them into the Soviet zone.

West Berlin's Mayor, Herr Reuter, informed the American Commandant General Lemuel Mathewson, of this latest incident.

Steinstuecken, which is separated from West Berlin proper by about one and a half kilometres of Soviet zone territory, was abandoned by East German People's Police two days ago after they had occupied it for five days.—Reuter.

## Atlantic Pact Meeting

London, Oct. 24.

Greek and Turkish observers will probably attend the meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Ministerial Council in Rome next month.

A final decision has yet to be made by the Pact's deputies in London and the two Governments concerned.

The NATO deputies here signed a protocol this week which, when ratified by the national Parliaments and legislatures of the 12 Pact members, will admit Greece and Turkey to full membership of the treaty. The admission is not expected to take place until early next year.

It was reported that two countries do attend the meeting which is expected to be held on November 16. It is not thought that they should attend the meeting.

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## Big Three Foreign Ministers To Meet

Bonn, Oct. 24.

The Foreign Ministers of the Big Three Western powers probably will meet soon to review negotiations for rearmament and a "peace contract" for Western Germany, informed officials of the Federal Government predicted today.

They said the General Assembly session in Paris would provide a logical and convenient backdrop for such meetings. The US Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, could easily meet for informal talks about Germany, these sources said.

## Strike Paralyzes Docks

New York, Oct. 24.

Moves were made today to keep up the shipment abroad of American military cargoes in spite of a rebel dockers' strike paralyzing the world's biggest port.

Leaders of the "wild-cat" strike, which is also crippling other Atlantic ports, ordered mass picketing today in protest against the terms of a new work contract.

The men's leaders claim that 30,000 stevedores are now on strike in defiance of their union, the International Longshoremen's Association. The Federal Government has assigned its chief labour councillor, Mr. Clyde M. Mills, to try to end the strike.

By banding in large groups at pier entrances, the strikers had today immobilized 114 ships, put 130 piers out of action and piled up \$11,000,000 worth of cargo in New York Harbour.

### IGNORE PICKETS

Some dockers today resumed handling military cargoes, braving the boos and catcalls of mass picket lines.

The United States Army numbered about 50 new dockers, signed on as special Civil Service workers, for jobs at Brooklyn's huge military port of embarkation.

The strike began on the Brooklyn waterfront 10 days ago.

Mr. Joseph Curran, the head of the powerful National Maritime Union, today modified its pledge of support to the strikers by saying: "We are prepared to move defence materials regardless of who loads the ships."

A strike leader, Sampson, said that he would ask the men to return to work if Mr. Joseph Ryan, President of the International Longshoremen's Association, agreed to a new "supervised" vote on the new contract.

But Mr. Ryan said that the matter was now in the hands of the Federal Mediation Service. He said that he had asked the Service to set up a commission to inquire into the strike. — Reuter.

## Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6.00, Programme Summary; 6.02, "It's Swing Time"; 6.30, "Hit Parade"; 7.00, Talk On The Vaccination Campaign by Dr. G. I. Shaw; 7.10, Interlude; 7.15, "Letter From America" by Allister Cooke (Recorded Relay); 7.30, La Demi-Heure Francaise; (Studio); 8.00, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 8.15, Studio Concert; Elvira Yuen (Soprano) with Piano Accompaniment by Betty Brown; 8.30, Boston Promenade Orchestra; 8.45, "Sports Time" by Bill Phillips (Studio); 8.55, Weather Report; 9.00, "From The Editor's Desk" (Recorded Relay); 9.10, "Thursday Serenade" A Programme Of Continuous Music Arranged by Betty Brown; 9.30, In My Library: A Talk by Harold Nicholson (BBC's); 9.45, "At The Opera" (Recorded Relay); 10.00, "The Editor's Desk" (Recorded Relay); 10.15, Studio Concert; 10.30, "The Editor's Desk" (Recorded Relay); 10.45, "The Editor's Desk" (Recorded Relay); 11.00, "The Editor's Desk" (Recorded Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Weather Report; 11.45, "The Editor's Desk" (Recorded Relay); 11.55, "The Editor's Desk" (Recorded Relay).

Allied sources here confirmed the likelihood of a meeting of the Foreign Ministers and added that three High Commissioners for Germany also would take part in the discussions.

Snags which have developed in the negotiations here between the Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, and the High Commissioners would be covered by the Foreign Ministers, but German officials insisted that German-Allied disagreements were not serious enough to themselves to bring about such a meeting.

They said Allied and German experts had made good progress on a "frame contract" which charts the final outline of the new sovereignty which will be given to the Bonn Republic if it remains. Drafting of this contract may be finished within two weeks, an official in the Chancellery said.

Half a dozen or so supporting contracts which spell out future Allied-German relationship in more detail are progressing more slowly and no responsible official has hazarded a guess on when they will be finished. While experts labour on the actual drafting job, the Chancellor and the Commissioners are themselves negotiating.

There have been sharp disagreements about the Allied intention of retaining industrial controls in the Ruhr. — United Press.

## Fishermen Drift 10 Days On Wreckage

Yokohama, Oct. 25.

Four emaciated and weakened survivors of a tiny Japanese fishing boat arrived here late on Wednesday night aboard the American ship, New World Victory (7,000 tons) after 10 days without food and water, drifting on the open sea on a piece of wreckage.

Their 18-ton fishing boat had been pounded to bits by the typhoon Ruth off the chain of islands south of Kyushu, Japan's southernmost island, on the night of October 13. Five of the crew of 11 had died in the disaster. Six drifted on a piece of wreckage until they were picked up by the American vessel on the morning of October 23rd.

Soaked by the salt water and weak from exposure and hunger, however, two of the men died on Wednesday morning. The four survivors were rushed to a hospital in Yokohama where doctors reported that they were in "serious" conditions. — United Press.

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1. "What hath God wrought?" on the experimental line between Washington and Baltimore. 2. It is the internal spacecraft layer of the shell of the pearl oyster. 3. Marselles, France. 4. The bones. 5. On the guillo'ine. 6. Because the Alps empty the cold air from the north.

## Paulette Visits Madrid



Paulette Goddard, popular United States screen star, does not seem in the least bit perturbed by the number of male admirers that surround her as she leaves her hotel in Madrid during a recent visit. — London Express.

## Deposition Of Missing Witness Read In Court

The deposition of a missing Crown witness was read when the Kowloon Murder Trial continued before the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gould, in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The witness, Tsoi Chin-hing, could not be located when the trial opened on Monday and this morning Det. Insp. E. P. Grace, officer in charge of the case, testified to the steps taken by the Police to trace his whereabouts.

On trial for the murder of Tsui Chok-sang, 47, assistant manager of the Wing On Insurance Company is Tsui Kin-cheung, 29, unemployed, who is alleged to have shot and killed Tsui at the junction of Cheungshawan Road and Maple Street on the night of July 7 last.

Conducting the Prosecution is Mr. M. Montey-John, Crown Counsel, Mr. A. J. Clifford (instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Grist) is defending accused.

A Defence objection to Crown Counsel's application for the deposition of Tsoi Chin-hing to be read was overruled.

Tsoi who gave evidence for the Crown at the committal proceedings at the Kowloon Magistracy, stated in his deposition that he lived at Ping Chau Island and was a cattle dealer. He had known the accused for a year.

Sometime this year he crossed into Chinese territory and brought two guns back to Ping Chau.

On the night of July 7, the deposition continued, witness and accused decided to rob a ladies' hairdressing saloon on Cheungshawan Road. Accused brought one of the guns along but they finally decided against the plan as it was found that the women assistants did not wear even a finger ring.

Later that night, witness continued, they saw a car and accused proposed to rob its occupants—a man and a woman. Witness declined and accused told him to go away. That was shortly after 10 p.m. After he had gone some distance he heard a revolver shot.

Next morning accused visited him and showed him a newspaper. Accused told him that he pointed his gun at the occupants who resisted and the gun went off. Accused said

## Mr George Strickland Lauded On His Appointment As A KC

The Hon. George Edward Strickland, KC, BA, BCL (Oxon) was welcomed within the Bar on his appointment to be one of His Majesty's Counsel for Hongkong, at a ceremony held in the Full Court this morning. There was a large attendance of the legal fraternity, members of the Staff of the Supreme Court and personal friends.

This is only the third instance in which Silk has been granted to members of the Colonial Legal Service when holding the substantive appointment of Solicitor-General.

Mr C. d'Almada, Registrar of the Supreme Court, read out the Letters Patent containing the appointment.

Addressing Mr Strickland (Acting Attorney General), who was full-bottomed wig, the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, said:

Mr George Strickland, it is with personal pleasure that I welcome you within the Bar on your appointment to be one of His Majesty's Counsel for Hongkong. It is a fitting recognition of your legal career and it is the more notable because I think I am correct when I say that I know of only two other instances in which Silk has been granted to members of the Colonial Legal Service when holding the substantive appointment of Solicitor-General.

You were educated at Douai School, Wootton Bassett, and as befitted a member of your distinguished family, at Malta University and later at Queen's College, Oxford, where you took your BA, and BCL, both with first class honours and you were called to the Bar as a Member of the Inner Temple in January 1932 and practised in Chancery until 1938, on two occasions appearing before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

In 1938, on the advice of Sir Alison Russell, you joined the Colonial Legal Service as Crown Counsel, Nyasaland, where in addition you held the Warrant of a First Class Magistrate and were Chairman of the Motor Traffic Licensing Board.

### WARTIME RECORD

In 1941 you were seconded to the Occupied Enemy Territory Administration as Assistant Legal Adviser, Eritrea, and in 1942 you became President of the Sessions Court which had powers of capital punishment and President of the Court of Appeal which had appellate jurisdiction from the Italian Courts in which you sat with two Italian Judges and in which the proceedings were conducted in Italian.

In April 1943, you went to Tripolitania as Deputy Legal Adviser in the British Military Administration where your principal duty was to advise on the respective jurisdictions of the Italian and the British military courts.

In July 1943 you went to Cairo as Legal Adviser to the British Military Administration, Dodecanese, and drafted the Proclamation under which the Dodecanese were eventually re-occupied and administered; and you found time during this period to write the treatise on Italian Courts and Criminal Procedure in former Italian Colonies which was used by officers of the Civil Affairs Branch of the Army.

On September 1944, you were promoted Legal Adviser, Tripolitania, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in which capacity you were responsible not only for advising the Military Administration, but also the British Military Courts, the Italian Courts, the Rubbinical Courts and the Sharia Courts.

In June 1945, you joined the Hongkong Planning Unit in London and arrived in Hongkong on September 1945, as Chief Legal Adviser of the British Military Administration with the rank of Colonel and eventually in January, 1947, you were appointed Solicitor General, Hongkong, since when you have on numerous occasions acted as Attorney General.

With a record of legal practice and service so wide and varied as yours there can be no doubt as to your success as one of His Majesty's Counsel.

After taking the Prescribed Declaration, the new King's Counsel returned to his seat.

Addressing Mr Strickland, the Chief Justice said: Mr. George Strickland, do you move?

Mr. Strickland, affirmed and bowed.

Mr. Justice Gould said that he should like to be associated with the sentiment to be expressed

by the learned President of the Court.

Mr. Justice Scholes, also associating himself with the Chief Justice, added that he felt sure Mr Justice Williams would also like to be so associated.

### AMAZING ENERGY

The Hon. Leo d'Almada, KC, leader of the Bar, said: My Lords, if this ceremony had taken place some two years ago, and upon that occasion your Lordships had asked my learned friend, the Solicitor General and Acting Attorney General the question "Do you move?" Mr Strickland, having regard to his then physical contours, might well have given that classical answer, "with difficulty, my Lords." (Laughter).

The question brought this picture immediately to my mind for the reason that when I first became acquainted with Mr Strickland in August of 1945 at the Hongkong Planning Unit in London, he was a somewhat different figure from what he is now, but the fact about him which impressed me so tremendously upon my first meeting him was his amazing energy. I must also say that I was not a little pained at his drive because I was working under him.

If then in London before the liberation of the Colony he showed so great an industry that was nothing as compared with the energy he has displayed when he came to Hongkong and it is true to say that for the first year or so after the liberation he was a real tower of strength to the administration. If I may be forgiven I might refer to another allusion to his stature and say that he was a real Mardello strength of tower.

During the first year of the return of this Colony to British rule a very great burden of putting our laws in order, drafting and enacting proclamations which of necessity had to be made with a view to governing the Colony under Military Administration and getting the machinery of the law into working order fell upon the shoulders of my learned friend and I can conceive of no pair of shoulders more fitting to bear that burden than those of my learned friend.

### HAPPIER RELATIONS

It is true to say that without him the difficulties of the Civil Administration would have been multiplied several times over.

It is true also to say that the relations between the Legal Department and the practising bar of this Colony owe not a little to the fact that my learned friend has been head of that Department together with the learned Attorney-General.

There was a time when relations between the junior bar and the junior members of the Bar Department were not quite as happy as they might have been. That situation was remedied a year or two ago, but whenever there was any friction between that Department and the junior bar that was not in any way attributable either to the Attorney-General or to Mr Strickland. Indeed, the very contrary may be said because they were at pains always to smooth out any possible difficulties and remove any cause for friction.

Today the relations between that Department and the bar are the most cordial and I feel certain that not a little is owed to my learned friend for that result.

We feel, my Lords, that the practising Bar on behalf of whom I speak, and I personally, feel also that Mr Strickland is a great acquisition to the Inner Bar and the honour conferred upon him is very well deserved.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Acting Solicitor-General, said: I welcome this opportunity on behalf of my colleagues of the Legal Department and on my own behalf to add my congratulations to those so ably expressed by you, my Lords, and my learned friend Mr Leo d'Almada. And I would also like to associate myself with the tributes paid to Mr Strickland on this occasion.

## Living Language

Why we say Per capita.

Strictly speaking "per capita" means not simply "per head" but "per head of cattle," for the Latin word "capita" means "head of cattle." This is only one example of how barter by cattle was once the recognised method of exchange, long before money came into common use. Another example is the word "fee" which is simply our way of saying the Anglo-Saxon word for cattle — "feoh."

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Siam, 5 p.m., C.P.A.  
Macao, 8 a.m., 5 p.m., ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing.  
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m., train via Canton.  
Malaya, Ceylon, Madagascar, India, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, Per 10 a.m. Reg., 10 a.m., Ord., 11 a.m., ss Canton.  
Philippines, 2 p.m., ss Pres. Polk.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27  
By Air  
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 8 a.m., via A.L.L.  
U.S.A., Canada, 2 p.m., P.A.A.  
Formosa, 3 p.m., C.A.T.  
Siam, 5 p.m., P.O.A.S.  
Japan, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.  
Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 5 p.m., Air France.  
Macao, 8 a.m., 5 p.m., ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing.  
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m., 5 p.m., train via Canton.  
U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America, Noon, ss Trade Wind.  
Malaya, India, 2 p.m., ss Wo Sang.  
Formosa, 2 p.m., ss Shengking.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28  
By Air  
Macao, 1 p.m., 5 p.m., via P.O.A.S.  
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 5 p.m., via B.O.A.C.  
Japan, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.  
Canada, 5 p.m., H.K.A./N.W.A.L.  
Siam, Malaya, 5 p.m., C.P.A.

## Bus Travellers Pose As PCs

"Never use other people's name, always stand on your own feet," remarked Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning when he fined Fong Hong-hung, 21, and Mak Sang, 19, \$50 each for evading bus fare yesterday.

The defendants were travelling on the bus along King's Road and said they were policemen, stated Sub-Inspector Yuen.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I suspected it when the girls in my club had me and then I looked—I've gained three pounds!"